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The new Daily Tallahasseean is dreadfully sarcastic, as well as otherwise able and brilliant.

Some of the newspapers say that Hon. Cromwell Gibbons, of Jacksonville, is running for delegate to St. Louis, but he says he wants to be national committeeman.

The News claims that Palmetto has shipped over 100,000 crates of lettuce this season and will ship over 500,000 crates of tomatoes. Bradentown should now claim to ship a million crates of each.

Miami Metropolis—Every Democrat who stands for anything except to want an office will favor the holding of a State convention to adopt a platform of principles and to instruct the national delegates as to what they should do when they go to St. Louis.

The West Palm Beach Tropical Sun evidently thinks that the congressional candidates in the second district are a "scurvy lot of fellows," as it says: "The congressional candidates could only see themselves as others see them, they would postpone their itinerary and go home."

J. R. A. Vaughn, Cutler, Fla., asks information of the whereabouts of his son, Bennie, who left his brother's place in Tampa about the middle of February, going about towards Plant City. The boy was barefooted, wore a brown suit; age 12 years; small black eyes, dark hair, scar below knee on right side of leg.

The Tampa Tribune, while "making things warm" for its opponents, never forgets to say something pleasant about its friends, as witness the following from its Saturday's issue: "Editor Jordan continues to make his PUNTA GORDA HERALD one of the most interesting of Florida publications."

The Lakeland Sun says that Editor Swent has resigned the trip of the Courier-Infornant, but the Courier-Infornant of the 9th gave no indication of it. We hope Editor Swent has not resigned, for he is one of the brightest and liveliest of Florida journalists, and the profession in this State can ill afford to lose such a brilliant light.

It is unfortunate for us that the Japs did not give their warships simple American names. For instance: We see in the Jacksonville Metropolis a picture of one called the "Shikishima"; and if a fellow in rapid conversation should try to pronounce the name, he might be understood as calling it the "Shake-your-sh—". Shoo! Don't mention it.

The special political edition of the Tampa Tribune was issued last Sunday and was, of course, a credit to the publishers. It contained the pictures and platforms of many of the candidates, who, as a result, will get many votes they would not have received, if they had failed to take advantage of the splendid opportunity offered by the Tribune. Tampa should be, and doubtless is proud of the untiring enterprise of her brilliant morning daily.

The Polk county executive committee, at their meeting last week, adopted a resolution approving of the disposition made of the Wallis claim by the legislature last year and requesting the candidates for governor and attorney-general to declare themselves on the subject. Mr. Abrams, candidate for attorney-general, seems to be the only one whose position on the question is known, and he thinks Mr. Wallis should have been paid a good deal more than the \$25,000 offered him.

Major E. W. Peabody, the noted traveling representative of the Times-Union, died at his home in Sanford on the 9th. He leaves a wife and several children and one sister, Mrs. Geo. W. McLane, of Punta Gorda, with whom thousands of friends profoundly sympathize. Major Peabody had warm friends in every city, town and hamlet in Florida, for he had for years repeatedly visited every section of the State, making friends everywhere and becoming known and respected by thousands of people. His death is sincerely deplored all over the State.

## AGAINST SHADE TREES.

It may seem strange that any one should oppose the planting of shade trees, but THE HERALD is strongly inclined to the idea that a great deal of shade is conducive to typhoid fever and that, therefore, one shade tree to the acre is enough for both health and comfort.

At any rate, Providence does not seem to have intended that the blessed sunshine should be kept off of the soil of Florida, nor that anything should obstruct the free circulation of the health-giving breezes. The sunshine does not hurt anything except bare heads and weak eyes; on the contrary, it dissipates, disperses and destroys the miasma arising from shaded and damp places. It should, therefore, have a fair chance to do its unequalled sanitary work.

Don't plant any shade trees, except one or two for the benefit of horses and cattle in every forty acres of pasture. If you find the sunshine too warm, go in the house and sit down. The town of Bartow had some fever a while back and it was charged to the drinking water. The water doubtless had something to do with it, but the shade trees were equally responsible.

Punta Gorda has no shade trees and, consequently, no fever, but we are planting shade trees and thus making breeding-beds beneath them for fever germs.

Some years ago there was a good deal of typhoid at Lake City; but in 1897 a storm came along and blew down a good many of the largest shade trees, and since then there has been no typhoid in Lake City.

Thirty-five years ago there was no such thing as malarial or typhoid fever in Eufaula, Ala.; but the people there stuck their broad streets full of water oaks, which have grown to great size, shading the streets clear across, and now, all through the year, they are afflicted with typhoid fever. This, too, although they have the purest drinking water and the city stands on a bluff one hundred feet high, affording the most perfect drainage.

Please don't plant any more shade trees in the towns and cities. They are very pretty, but they are evidently co-adjuvants of disease.

Give us sunshine and plenty of it. That's why Florida is noted for its health.

## UNWRITTEN DEMOCRATIC LAW.

Ocala Banner—Our representatives in Congress, making fairly good records, have without an exception or variation, been given two or more terms.

Examine the record and it will be seen that O. J. Jones, Pasco, Malory, Davidson, Finley, Dougherty, Bullock, Cooper and Davis were all in turn given two or more terms.

Why break the custom and apply a different rule for Tallafiero? His conduct in office, his exceptionally fine record, and the unwritten law of the party, all cry aloud against it.

## A DELEGATION OF EDITORS.

The Ocala Banner inquires: "Why can't George Wilson, Wallace Stovall, A. P. Jordan, Frank Mayes, E. H. McCreary, W. B. Carter and Claude L'Engle be elected delegates to the St. Louis convention?"

They can, if they wish; but why not complete the list of ten, to which Florida is entitled, by adding Frank Harris, Joe Pratt and B. B. Tatam?

## A VIGOROUS KICK.

By Mr. Roach, of Uesappa, About Local Mail Matters.

EDITOR HERALD—The old mail route from Punta Gorda to Fort Myers via Pineland, Boca Grande, Uesappa Island, Captiva, Wulferi, St. James, Sanibel and Punta Rassa has been established for many years. It is the direct, quickest and most natural road. A citizen of Punta Gorda put in a bid to carry the mail over this route. It is known that his bid is the lowest one, and he should have had the contract awarded him long ago.

Why has that award been held up? Why are the authorities in Washington hesitating? Why did they send a special agent down here to investigate? Why did that special agent come to Punta Gorda and then turn tail and go to Port Tampa to "see Capt. Fitzgerald"? What has Capt. Fitzgerald got to do with it? Why did he not go over the mail route and make an honest investigation? Why? Because the Atlantic Coast Line people want to carry the mails a roundabout road that they may get a few dollars out of the government and farther discommodate the people along this route.

Why is it that more than one hundred business men and families have their mail held in Punta Gorda for twenty-four hours and the business men and visitors to our section who are in our hotels inquiring daily why the mails are continually behind time? To why are we discommodated constantly and suffer often because of these delays? Simply because the Atlantic Coast Line people, who bid and got the contract for delivery of the mail along this route, chooses to ignore its contract and the rights of the people whom they contracted to serve.

The mail from Punta Gorda to Marco is now and for months has been held over in Punta Gorda. Why? Simply because it does not suit the convenience of the contracting corporation to fulfill its contract. Who is to blame? Why, the men in Washington whose duty it is to see that these contracts are carried out—and why do they not do their duty to the public? Because they are influenced by the politicians who are in the employ of the railroads.

I make this charge against Postmaster-General Payne, and let him answer. The outrages that have been perpetrated by the corporations of this State upon the citizenship of Florida are almost beyond belief.

F. P. ROACH.

## CIRCUIT COURT.

### Williams, the Absconding Lawyer Returns.

While a good deal of business was transacted by the circuit court in Arcadia last week, not much of general importance was done. Most of the week was consumed in organizing, hearing motions and securing a jury and trying the case of E. B. Polk for killing Chas. E. Williams in Punta Gorda last August.

Marion J. Walker, who was indicted with Polk, was acquitted. The jury, on Friday evening, failed to agree upon a verdict in the Polk case, and a mistrial resulted. It is said that the jury stood ten for acquittal, two for a verdict of manslaughter.

The following additional cases were disposed of:

State vs. Hettie Fisher, selling liquor, \$10 and costs.

State vs. Sara A. Giles, selling liquor, \$1 and costs.

State vs. Stephen A. Giles, selling liquor, \$25 and costs.

State vs. J. H. Maddox, obstructing an officer in the discharge of his duties, \$10 and costs.

State vs. Joseph Thomas, breaking and entering, sentenced to county prison for one year.

State vs. Ike Shivers, selling liquor, not prosed.

State vs. Marcus Driggers, breaking and entering, not prosed.

State vs. James Carson, larceny of a horse, two cases; one case not prosed and tried and acquitted in the other.

State vs. Wm. Simmons, manslaughter, tried and convicted.

State vs. Oaslan Mizell, rape, not prosed.

The cases against Buck Daughtrey, Griff Smith and Walter Smith, for cow stealing, and the case against Charles Daniels, for murder, have been set for the first week in May, when a special term of court will be held.

The grand jury, after returning several indictments for cattle stealing, one for embezzlement and one for murder, finished their labors and handed in their presentments Friday evening. And they say their presentments contain no "bouquets."

A notable event of the week was the return of Martin L. Williams, the lawyer who was indicted for falsifying the record in the I. E. Cooper murder case and for subornation of perjury in the Midgett and Daniels murder case and who absconded when he knew that his sins had come to light. Williams appeared before Judge Wall on Saturday and entered a plea of guilty. The court suspended sentence pending good behavior.

Meanwhile, Williams this week petitioned the court to re-instate him as a member of the bar, he having been disbarred at the last term, but it is said that Judge Wall emphatically and very properly denied the petition.

The court has been engaged this week disposing of petty offenses and trying some civil cases. It was expected to adjourn last evening.

## COL. THADDEUS' KICK.

Comic Criticism of Congressional Candidates.

PUNTA GORDA, March 10, 1904.

Last night I attended in Arcadia the speaking of the candidates for congress. Mr. McNamee led. Their song was Tampa! Tampa! Port Tampa! Hillsborough county! St. Petersburg! St. Petersburg! \$200,000—22 feet of water at Port Tampa. To get 27 feet of water at the railroad dock of the great Plant System, procured by the exertions of the great railroad lawyer who was now before the people for re-election, which railroad corporation charged the people of Tampa exorbitant rates for everything they shipped over said 27 feet of water, while neglected Tampa only had 12 feet of water, and no congressman to ask for more, for Port Tampa had to be served first; that their railroad lawyer was a member of congress and was carrying water on both shoulders, for the people and the railroad. The people paid him \$50,000 and the railroad \$25,000. The little Irishman could not understand how he could be railroad lawyer and member of congress at the same time; that Bob Davis resigned being railroad lawyer when he was elected to congress; that he could not serve both, for their interest sometimes conflicted, for a railroad lawyer had to love the railroad and hate the people, or hate the people and love the railroad, for it was Bible writ and no mistake.

That Sparkman had done nothing for St. Petersburg, because the railroad did not want anything done for St. Petersburg, for it would hurt Port Tampa, and all roads led to Port Tampa, just as all roads led to Rome, and the railroad attorney was at the bottom of the whole push.

Sparkman came back at him, charged him with being the working man's attorney without any pay while in the legislature; that he was born on that beautiful emerald isle across the deep blue sea and had wandered to the Land of Figgers to try to beat him for congress, and to tell the people how much money he got from the people and how much from the railroad.

The audience sat with open mouths taking it all in, like soup at a free lunch, or dido listening to Aeneas telling about burning Troy.

They never said one word about DeSoto or Lee counties. Poor DeSoto! It appeared like a dwarf beside of Hillsborough.

DeSoto is under the railroad's heels. Her bean and fruit men have to pay exorbitant rates to the great corporations. Sometimes they get a pittance for their

## Business Notices.

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We have just received a new shipment of jewelry consisting of solid gold with real stone settings, also filled and plated. Will sell at Chicago prices, and every piece guaranteed as represented.—J. R. Elliott.

The corporations bleed them just as much as they will stand and their legal head cannot help it.

When Sparkman was elected to congress DeSoto had a dock with 14 feet of water to it. The Morgan line made regular trips from New Orleans to Havana and stopped at said dock, received and discharged thousand of tons of freight.

How is it now? Sparkman's road has done away with the 14 foot dock and put in its place a 6-foot dock in order to keep the Morgan line from coming to Charlotte Harbor.

That gaping audience at Arcadia ought not to have closed their gaping mouths until they had yelled that old DeSoto was in the soup! and that Lee county was in the same fix!

How's been DeSoto's bean raisers and fruit men swallow the railroad attorney? They certainly owe him one! Anything for a change!

The little Irishman might be an improvement. The only way to find out, is to try him. ISAAC H. TRABUE.

The Bartow Cracker has been sold to some fellow or other, who proposes to make it a very heavenly affair, the organ of all the churches and schools and of all good people, and it will not print any more curse words, as Editor Hale used to do. The new management promised to do everything that is good and nothing that is bad, from which we infer that the paper will continue to support Senator Tallafiero for re-election. May it have an abundant measure of moral and pecuniary success.

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## CANDIDATES' ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Campaign of 1904. First Primary to be held May 10th.

### FOR STATE SENATOR.

Fellow Citizens—I respectfully announce myself as a candidate before the coming primary for the office of Senator of the Twenty-Seventh Senatorial District, composed of the counties of Manatee and DeSoto. If elected, I will serve the people and the interests of the district and State to the best of my ability. Respectfully, J. C. PELOT, Manatee, Fla.

### FOR REPRESENTATIVE.

I am a candidate for the Legislature, subject to the primary.

ALBERT W. GILCHRIST.

### FOR COUNTY TREASURER.

We are authorized to announce Finis E. Parker as a candidate in the Democratic primary for the office of County Treasurer. He refers to the record he has made in the office as a ground for respectfully soliciting the support of the Democratic voters.

To the Voters of DeSoto County—I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of County Treasurer in the coming primary. If nominated and elected to this office, I shall serve you to the best of my ability. Soliciting the support of all, I am, respectfully, JAMES A. HENDRY.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of County Treasurer, subject to the coming Democratic primary. S. M. HIGON.

### FOR COUNTY JUDGE.

Referring to and relying upon my record, I make this announcement of my candidacy for the nomination to the office of County Judge. Soliciting the support and vote of the electors of DeSoto county in the coming primaries, I am, respectfully, A. E. POOSER.

To the voters of DeSoto County, Florida:—At the request of many friends, I announce myself a candidate for the office of County Judge, subject to the Democratic primary of May 10. If elected, I pledge myself to faithfully discharge the duties of the office. I solicit the support of the people of said county. Very respectfully, GEO. S. DURRANCE.

### FOR CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT.

To the voters of DeSoto county:—In response to the solicitation of friends, I hereby announce myself as a candidate for re-election to the office of Clerk of the Circuit Court of DeSoto county, and earnestly ask the support of each and every voter at the primary on the 10th of May, 1904. Thanking you for past favors and earnestly asking your support in the future, I am, yours respectfully, H. E. CARLTON.

### FOR SHERIFF.

I respectfully announce myself a candidate for the office of Sheriff of DeSoto county, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries. If nominated and elected, I will give my best attention to the duties of the office and will make an especial effort to conduct in such a way as will entail the least possible expense upon the tax-payers of the county. Respectfully, A. C. FREEMAN.

To the Democratic voters of DeSoto County:—I respectfully announce my candidacy for re-election to the office of Sheriff of DeSoto County subject to the action of the Democratic voters in primary election. If renominated and elected, I will continue to discharge my duties fearlessly and without favor. Thanking you for your past support and soliciting your votes in the approaching primary, I am, very respectfully, T. E. FIELDER.

To the Democratic voters of DeSoto County:—I respectfully announce myself a candidate for the office of Sheriff of this county subject to the next Democratic primaries, and if nominated and elected, I will serve the people conscientiously and impartially. Respectfully, W. E. HENDRY.

### FOR TAX COLLECTOR.

I am a candidate for Tax Collector of your county, subject to the action of the primary in May. If elected, it shall be my endeavor to serve the people to the best of my ability. Respectfully, WILL C. LANGFORD.

### FOR TAX ASSESSOR.

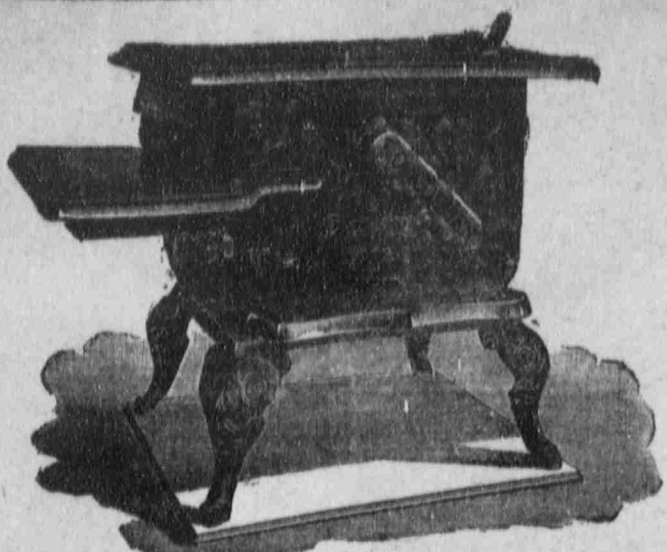
I announce myself a candidate for the office of Tax Assessor of DeSoto county, subject to the action of the voters in the Democratic primary May 10, and respectfully solicit your support. JOHN HAGAN.

We are authorized to announce F. M. Cooper as a candidate before the Democratic primaries for the office of Tax Assessor of DeSoto County. If renominated and re-elected, he will give the duties of the office the same careful and conscientious attention as in the past. He thanks his friends for their previous support and solicits a renewal of it in the coming election.

### FOR COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT.

To the voters participating in the coming primaries:—I hereby announce myself a candidate for nomination for re-election to the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction of DeSoto County, subject to the action of the voters in the next primary election. If elected, I promise my earnest efforts to the better educational interests of DeSoto county. Respectfully, M. F. GIDDENS.

At the continued commands of my friends, I hereby announce myself a candidate for Superintendent of Public Instruction for DeSoto county, subject to the action of the voters in the next primary election. If elected, I pledge myself to devote my entire time to the office and schools of this county; to labor for a longer school term, better buildings and better schools, and to treat all sections impartially. Soliciting your support, I am, respectfully, W. J. ODOM.



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